(vi) Settlement advisory committees headed by retired Judges have been set up by nine banks to examine and recommend compromise proposals in respect of large advances to the competent authorities for their consideration.

(vii) Settlement Advisory committees of executives have been set up as per guidelines issued by RBI to liquidate more than three year old NPAs of SSI Sector and small loans by compromise settlement.

(viii) In order to further expedite the recovery mechanism, the Recovery of Debts Due to banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 has been amended by promulgation of an ordinance on 17th January, 2000.

The ordinance seeks to, *inter-alia*, provide for set-off and counter claims, appointment of receivers and commissioners by the Tribunals, appointment of more than one recovery officer and empowering the Tribunals to distribute the sale proceeds among secured creditors in accordance with the provisions of Section 529 A of Companies Act, 1956.

(c) A number of banking laws which are in force contain provisions for non-disclosure of information relating to bank accounts. Confidentiality of bank accounts is an established principle derived from custom and usage.

Recommendations of G.M. Banatwala Committee

*69. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether G.M. Banatwala Committee as far back as in the mid-80s had recommended anti-hijacking measures; and

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made and how many of them have been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No such Committee headed by Shri G.M. Banatwala was constituted to suggest anti-hijacking measures.

(b) Does not arise.

Construction of new dams

*70. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of big dams which are being planned for the next Five years and in which parts of the country; and

(b) the manner in which Government plan to raise resources for such dams?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) Major & Medium water resources and multi-purpose projects are conceived, planned and executed by the concerned State Governments from their own allocation of Plan funds. Big Dam projects proposed by various State Governments which are under various stages of appraisal at present and the States where they are located are as under:

Name of State	No. of Dam Projects		
	Major	Medium	Total
Andhra Pradesh	2	7	9
Assam	1	3	4
Bihar	6	0	6
Gujarat	0	1	1
Haryana	0	1	1
Himachal Pradesh	1	0	1
Karnataka	3	0	3
Kerala	1	1	2
Madhya Pradesh	6	0	6
Maharashtra	11	18	29
Manipur	1	0	1
Nagaland	0	1	1
Orissa	3	0	3
Punjab	1	0	1